

KANSAS CITY GHOSTS

FAMOUS SPOOKS OF THE TOWN ON THE BIG MUDDY.

The Original Ghost Is From a Case of Fratricide—How the Santa Fe Spook Was Laid—How a Man With the "Jim-Jams" Stirred Up a Jail Full of Criminals.

It may be true that conscience makes cowards of us all, but with the ignorant and superstitious conscience is not a circumstance when compared to a vivid imagination. The greatest coward on earth is the person who sees in every dark shadow, in each deserted house and around every dismal building the restless spirit of some departed sinner whose crimes will not allow him to enter heaven, who is doomed to wander around this earth until Gabriel's trumpet is sounded, who must hover near the scene of his former misdeeds until the last day.

The place by popular consent most adapted to ghost wanderings and the place most fruitful in the production of the bona fide article is naturally the graveyard. The drearier, gloomier and more mournful the aspect of the graveyard the more ghosts. But the real believer in spooks and spirits does not deem it necessary to go among the tombs and graves of the dead to find a spirit.

Ghosts are numerous. They can be found in all sections of the country. There is not a village nor a deserted country house nor a railroad bridge but has its ghost. But the ghosts are not all confined to the country by any means. There have been several in Kansas City that have gained extensive notoriety on account of their many visitations, and the parts of the city in which they are wont to disport themselves are still eyed with suspicion and looked upon askance by the inhabitants of Belvidere Hollow, Hick's Hollow and other portions of the city thickly settled by the descendants of Ham.

The oldest, the original ghost that is most vividly in the memory of the superstitious and is most often the topic of gossamer whispers among the people mentioned, walked the levee between Main street and Broadway 12 years ago. One winter's night, the story goes, a man was lying in wait for an enemy on the levee. In his hand he clutched a ponderous double barreled shotgun loaded with nails and slugs. He saw a man walking down the levee. In the dim, flickering light he thought he recognized his enemy. He raised his gun, fired and hurled away. The next day he read in the papers that his brother's body had been found on the levee, horribly mangled and torn. The murderer winced, but kept his secret. Then the dead brother's ghost began to walk. Every night, at the same hour of the shooting, it could be seen on the levee. Each time it would walk straight to the spot where the body had fallen. Then the ghost would fall, go through a death struggle and disappear. It kept this up for years, and there are those who say it does it still.

The second healthy, well developed ghost disported itself in the ruins of the old Santa Fe Stage Coach company's office at Second and Main streets in 1886. So generally known did it become that often large crowds would congregate and await the appearance of the nocturnal visitor. Early one evening a young man who wished to investigate a little went into the ruins. When he emerged from them an hour later, he found a large crowd standing on the opposite side of the street, near the jail, watching for ghosts. Some one in the crowd, thinking that the young man had been playing ghost, threw a brick at the investigator, striking him on the head. He fell senseless with a gaping wound in his head. The Santa Fe ghost has not been seen since.

In 1887 there was a story afloat that at 12 o'clock each night a ghostly cable train glided down the incline between Walnut and Main streets and disappeared into space. In the grip car, guiding the train, was the ghost of a grippman who had died a short time before, after having been insane for some time, the result of grief over the fact that his train had run down and killed a pedestrian. Crowds congregated at the junction nightly to see the strange sight. For the most part they went away disappointed, although there was plenty who declared they had seen "it."

Another story, in which a ghost was never seen, but which smacked strongly of spooks, was the Conway murder on East Eighteenth street, between Oak and Locust, in 1885. Mrs. Conway, a young woman, and her little girl were beaten to death with a coupling pin. The murderer or murderers were never caught. Suspicion pointed toward two men, but there was no evidence. Both of them afterward died horrible deaths—one of the glanders and the other of cancer. The ghost of the victims never walked openly, but that section of the city was given a wide berth by the true believers for many months afterward.

Last, but not least, were the ghosts of Clark and Jones, the men hung for murdering Mmie. Wright in 1893. These ghosts materialized in the jails, one at Independence and one in Kansas City. The scare lasted for some weeks, and the negro prisoners were thrown into a state of terror by any strange sounds. One night, when the jail was in a state of comparative quiet, a drunken prisoner, who had just been brought in, had an attack of "jimjams." By some strange coincidence he was placed in the cell once occupied by Clark, and the prisoners soon located the groaning of the unfortunate man. The negroes, not knowing that the cell was occupied, supposed that the noise was made by a departed spirit, and all started to howling with the "ghost." The effect was something that can be imagined better than it can be described. Since the Clark ghost left the jail Kansas City has been bereft of spirits, and Belvidere Hollow is breathing more easily than it has for years.—Kansas City Times.

THE JAPANESE.

As Clean as They Are Polite and as Gentle as They Are Brave.

The Japanese have many nice qualities and some great ones. They are clean, they are polite, and apparently they are very gentle and very brave. They are said to be exceedingly neat, too, and to be bountifully endowed with that sense of propriety a defective development of which accounts for much of the rubbish in American streets and most of the disagreeableness of American street car travel. They certainly beat us in a good many things, and not unreasonably their example is much held up to us nowadays for emulation. Intelligent foreigners who have observed us closely have declared that we are the rudest and the kindest people in the world.

Of course it is a pity that we are not more universally courteous; that our children are not demure and orderly like the Japanese children; that we throw papers into the street and drop peanut shells and orange peel on the floors of our public conveyances. Of course it is a pity that we are not more like the Japanese in many particulars; but, for my part, I make bold to confess that American manners, with all their defects, are better suited to my American taste than Japanese manners, with all their gentle perfections.

American manners are not nearly as good as they should be, not nearly as good as one may hope they may become, but that Japanizing would profit them is not so certain as it looks at first sight, even if it did not involve a much greater amount of self repression or self obliteration, doubtless more apparent than actual, than the American temperament could endure or has any desire to attain to. The amelioration of our national demeanor must rather be sought in an increased and enlightened self control joined to a strengthened self respect. If we ever do become civilized, it will be first at the heart and afterward at the mind.—Scribner's.

HORSE FOLLOWED FUNERALS.

A Louisville Steed That Cashed His Mistress Deep Mortification.

"Some years ago," said Alderman James C. Gilbert to a reporter, "I had a tenant down town who died, leaving a wife and helpless family. Their only property consisted of an old mare, and more to oblige them than anything else I bought the horse. She was gentle and my wife adopted her for her own driving, and was much pleased for awhile, as the old mare was so gentle that my wife could drive her about town herself."

"It seemed, however, that the mare had once belonged to an old lady over in New Albany who had a mania on the subject of funerals and made a point never to miss one. The old mare's principal occupation for years had been to follow funeral processions to the cemeteries. One day my wife was driving down the street, when she suddenly encountered a negro funeral, followed by a number of societies with all the paraphernalia of an imposing cortege."

"The old mare recognized the procession at a glance, and calmly turned into the line of the parade. In vain my wife tugged at the reins and tried to turn out. The old mare knew her business, and with head hung down solemnly followed close behind the mourners. Occasionally they would meet an acquaintance of ours, and they looked with surprise at the tribute which my wife was apparently paying to the deceased, until my wife was frantic with mortification and anger."

"At every crossing she would appeal to bystanders to stop the old mare, but they didn't seem to understand, until at last they passed a policeman, who, in response to my wife's tearful appeals, stopped the old mare and dragged her out of the procession, much to her surprise and disgust. Of course I had a good laugh over it, but it was no laughing matter with my wife, and I had no peace till I sold that old mare and got her out of sight for good."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Happy Malloquin.

As for the people, to it understood that a Malloquin is no more a Spaniard than a Shetlander is a Scot. Like his Moro-Aragonese forbears, he is a lazy, ill conditioned, unenterprising sloth, with but one idea of life—that of siesta. The number of those who live by active and visible labor is astonishingly small. The first thing that strikes you on landing in Palma is that it is a place where everything long ago left off happening. Of life there it may truly be said, "Les jours se suivent et se ressemblent." Palma is as quiet as Malta is noisy, and that is saying a good deal. Food is cheap and abundant.

A robber is as rare as a beggar, and life and property are perfectly secure in every corner of the island. The people, if not active in the cultivation of moral virtue, at least show a want of sympathy for that which is violent or uncharitable. Though ignorant, idle and superstitious, they are honest and inoffensive and live in the bond of peace. If a couple of common folk have a difference, they straighten it out with their fists, and neither is the worse.—Chambers' Journal.

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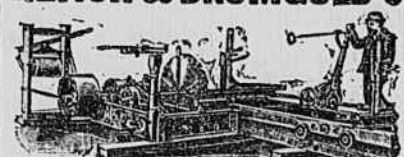
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